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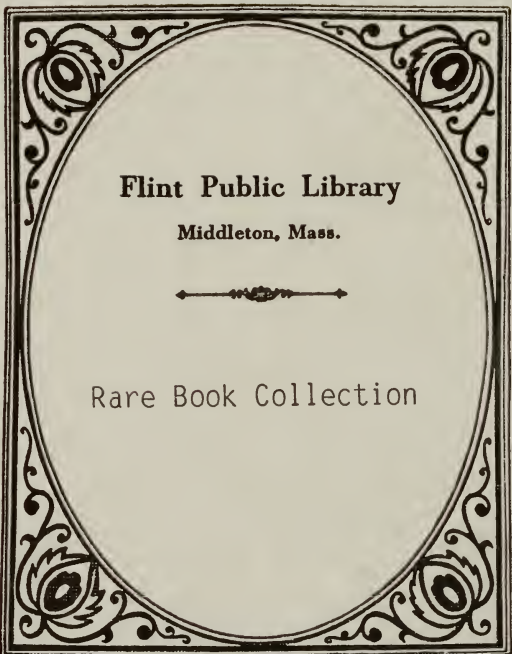


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TOWN REPORT.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

Centre School.

Ira S. Price, teaching Grammar school,	\$ 55 00	
Mary H. Alcott, " " "	110 00	
Jennie Lee " " "	200 00	
Nellie C. Howe " primary "	329 00	
Marion E. Tyler " intermediate "	329 00	
Augustus Shepard, janitor,	43 00	
Roy S. Estey, sawing wood,	80	
L. H. Wilkins, wood,	3 00	
Asa Howe "	2 25	
C. P. Stiles "	2 50	
B. T. McGlaulin, coal,	8 68	
Pettingill & Barry, coal,	36 00	
John Bott, sawing wood,	1 75	
A. W. Peabody, wood,	2 50	
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		\$1,123 48

East School.

Annie P. Day, teaching school,	\$270 00	
Hattie J. Lake, " "	45 00	
Florence Carlton, " "	54 00	
Jessie L. Peabody, janitor,	5 00	
" " " sawing wood,	1 25	
Willie Ogden, janitor,	5 00	
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<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>	<i>\$380 25</i>	<i>\$1,123 48</i>

<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>	\$380 25	\$1,123 48
Willie Ogden, sawing wood,	1 25	
Arthur Page, janitor,	5 00	
“ “ sawing wood,	2 00	
Leverette H. Wilkins, wood,	2 00	
Daniel Fuller, “	3 50	
Pettingill & Barry, coal,	12 00	
G. P. Wilkins, use of well,	3 00	
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North School.

Hattie J. Lake, teaching,	\$279 00	
William D. Richardson, janitor,	22 00	
“ “ “ sawing wood,	75	
Pettingill & Barry, coal,	12 00	
L. H. Wilkins, wood,	2 50	
	<hr/>	316 25
		1,848 73
Town of Danvers tuition for six pupils,		165 00
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		2,013 73
Balance due the schools,		399 20
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		2,412 99
Balance due the schools last year,	\$ 383 19	
Town appropriation for schools,	1,600 00	
State school fund,	312 80	
Amount received for dog licenses,	117 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,412 99

Incidental School Expenses.

Appropriation,		\$75 00
Augustus Shephard, setting glass,	\$ 63	
L. H. Wilkins, two journeys to Boston and car fare,	6 12	
L. H. Wilkins, express,	1 90	
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<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>	\$8 65	\$75 00

<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>	\$8 65	\$75 00
L. H. Wilkins, two journeys to Danvers,		
repairs on funnels,	2 50	
American Express Co.,	2 15	
B. F. Hill, lock and nails,	54	
J. A. Curtis, repairs on East school house,	3 00	
S. M. Peabody, teaming gravel,	1 00	
Cora Randall, cleaning North school house,	5 00	
C. P. Perkins, stove funnel damper,	6 44	
William D. Richardson, cleaning North		
school house,	50	
B. T. McGlauflin, cleaning vaults North		
and East,	2 50	
John Gage, cleaning two clocks, Centre,	2 75	
Hardy Bros., four windows,	8 00	
John Bott, care of fence,	1 00	
M. E. Tyler,	15 90	
W. W. Richardson, glass setting,	1 08	
L. H. Wilkins	89	
		61 90
Unexpended,		13 10

School Supplies.

E. A. Mackintire,	\$ 8 50	
King D. Merrill,	52 27	
E. E. Ball & Co.,	9 52	
American Book Co.,	90 66	
Thomson Brown & Co.,	9 48	
F. W. Ford,	1 05	
Ginn & Co.,	17 72	
Silver Burdett & Co.,	63	
Boston School Supply Co.,	1 80	
H. A. Wilkins & Sons,	6 06	
L. H. Wilkins,	2 25	
		199 94
Appropriation,		175 00
Amount overdrawn,		24 94

DEPT. OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

City of Malden care of Mrs. H. Mansfield,	\$104 00
City of Haverhill, aid for Joseph Paradise,	19 45
Town of Georgetown, aid for David P. Hutchinson,	104 00
City of Beverly, aid for Frank Wilkins,	32 67
Danvers Lunatic Asylum, board for Loren Goodwin,	45 49
George White, board of W. F. Perkins,	91 08
Town of Peabody, board of W. F. Perkins,	51 40
F. E. Campbell, journey to Melrose on account of W. F. Perkins,	2 40
B. T. McGlaflin, freight, express and moving goods of W. F. Perkins,	2 29
B. T. McGlaflin, use of team for W. F. Perkins,	3 00
Dr. F. Bowditch Chapman, medicine and medical attendance for Geo. Fuller,	23 75
Dr. F. Bowditch Chapman, medicine and medical attendance for Mrs. J. Colbey,	206 50
S. A. Fletcher, house rent for Joseph Colbey,	14 00
A. W. Peabody, wood for Joseph Colbey,	3 00
B. F. McGlaflin, coal for Joseph Colby,	6 00
Mrs. James Ryer, nursing Mrs. Colbey,	50 00
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, groceries for Jos. Colbey,	26 00
J. F. Hayward, meat for Joseph Colbey,	7 26
Dr. F. Bowditch Chapman, medicine and medical attendance for Mrs. Lever,	15 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<i>\$807 29</i>

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$807 29
H. E. Howe, cash to Mrs. Lever,	5 30
B. T. McGlauflin, coal Mrs. Lever,	25 95
B. T. McGlauflin, cash Mrs. Lever,	5 00
A. W. Peabody, wood and cash for Mrs. Lever,	15 00
Allen D. Bryer, cutting wood for Mrs. Lever,	6 00
C. A. Hutchinson, house rent for Mrs. Lever,	40 00
H. E. Howe, wood for Mrs. Dennis Wells,	6 00
B. T. McGlauflin, coal for Mrs. Wells,	12 72
Dean Fuller, wood for Mrs. Wells,	3 00
J. F. Hayward, meat for Mrs. Wells	16 22
John Wood, cutting wood for Mrs. Wells,	2 75
Fred Long cutting wood for Mrs. Wells,	1 50
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for Mrs. Wells,	43 62
B. F. Gould, board for Mabel Corner,	10 50
Fred Long, board for Martha Shed,	42 00
Dr. F. Bowditch Chapman, medicine and medical attendance for George E. Thompson,	24 00
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, groceries for Geo. E. Thompson,	8 00
Dr. F. Bowditch Chapman, medical atten- dance and medicine for George Margeson,	28 50
H. E. Howe wood for Tramp House,	2 25
B. T. McGlauflin wood for Tramp House,	2 00
B. T. McGlauflin, coal for Tramp House	12 84
A. W. Peabody, wood for Tramp House,	2 00
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for Tramp House,	38 19
H. E. Howe, lock for Tramp House,	75
John Gage, fitting lock on door of Tramp House,	50
B. T. McGlauflin, care of 902 tramps,	90 20
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<u>\$1,252 08</u>

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$1,252 08	
Mrs. C. A. Hutchinson, house rent for Mrs. Smith,	25 00	
A. W. Peabody, wood and rubbers for Mrs. Smith,	4 15	
Otis Thomas, labor on garden for Mr. Smith,	1 50	
A. W. Peabody, cash for Mrs. Smith,	10 00	
Overseers of the poor cash for Mrs. Smith,	5 00	
H. E. Howe, cash for Mrs. Smith,	5 00	
B. T. McGlaulin, coal for Mrs. Smith,	9 72	
Ansel Nickerson, cutting wood for Mrs. Smith,	2 75	
F. L. Evans, counsel fees 1891,	10 00	
A. W. Peabody, services as overseer of the poor,	15 00	
H. Erskine Howe, services as overseer of the poor,	15 00	
H. E. Howe, car fare and cash paid,	2 25	
B. T. McGlaulin, services as overseer of the poor,	30 00	
B. T. McGlaulin, postage and cash paid,	3 00	
Whole am't of overseers orders drawn,		1,390 45
Unsettled bills of 1895,		39 00
		<u>\$1,429 45</u>
Due from Lynn on account of George E. Thompson,	\$ 32 00	
Due from Gloucester on account of Joseph Colby,	312 76	
Due from Topsfield on account of George Fuller,	23 75	
Due from Mass., on account of George Margeson,	28 50	
Due from Holden on account of Mabel Corner,	10 50	
Unsettled bills 1894 paid,	70 00	
Whole cost of supporting poor,	951 94	
		<u>\$1,429 45</u>

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

Mrs. Almira Richardson, for land 1889,	\$ 4 16
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, oil and nails,	2 20
Pope Bros., lumber,	16 32
Allen D. Bryer,	22 76
Otis H. Rennard,	66 00
Chester Campbell,	5 17
Charles Darling,	12 83
William T. Martin,	32 00
John F. Higgins,	8 67
John Melcher,	2 25
Elisha Randall,	13 08
William Richardson,	11 58
Asa Howe, posts,	12 80
Fred S. Flint,	6 68
John B. Putney, gravel,	4 25
George Currier, “	35
H. E. Howe,	88 49
B. T. McGlaufflin,	3 92
Frank L. Estey,	86 33
Benj. F. Gould,	60 00
A. M. Richardson,	95 85
Edwin Currier,	4 50
David Milbury,	15 75
Frank Curtis,	1 50
W. H. Grothie, repairs,	1 85
D. W. Case,	2 85
Henry Rice,	1 00
John Curry,	1 50
John Melcher,	4 42
Albert Wilkins,	4 50
Mrs. Eunice Fletcher, gravel,	6 25
E. S. Hutchinson, gravel,	2 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<i>\$601 81</i>

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$601 81	
Ralph Wilkins,	75	
F. L. Estey, services as road commissioner,	10 00	
E. S. Hutchinson, services as road commissioner,	5 00	
H. E. Howe, services as road commissioner,	10 00	
David Brown, gravel,	1 60	
F. L. Estey,	8 00	
Edwin Currier,	2 25	
B. F. Gould,	7 50	
H. E. Howe,	12 25	
B. T. McGlauflin,	1 00	
J. J. Grothie, repairs on road machine,	18 90	
		\$679 06
Amount of appropriation,		600 00
Overdrawn,		\$ 79 06

Bridges.

Appropriation,		\$100 00
F. L. Estey,	\$ 2 22	
B. F. Gould,	1 50	
H. E. Howe, labor cash paid,	6 46	
Asa Howe,	75	
Albert Wilkins,	75	
Pope Bros., lumber,	76 34	
		88 02
Unexpended,		\$11 98

Snow Bills.

Charles Darling,	\$ 8 20
A. M. Richardson,	7 00
B. T. McGlauflin,	1 80
F. L. Estey,	1 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$18 00

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$18 00
Charles F. Hayward,	4 80
H. E. Howe,	7 35
W. W. Estey,	3 60
Pope Bros., lumber for snowplow,	4 83
F. L. Estey, labor on plow,	4 00
F. L. Estey, cash paid for teaming,	50
James H. Gallagher, ironing snowplow,	7 00
W. H. Burns, " "	8 00

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SELECTMEN'S DEPARTMENT.

Town Officers.

Jesse W. Peabody, Selectman and Assessor,	\$75 00
Asa Howe, " " "	75 00
W. T. Martin, " " "	52 00
A. W. Peabody, " " "	23 00
Jesse W. Peabody, Registrar of Voters,	10 00
A. W. Peabody, " " "	10 00
Asa Howe, " " "	10 00
S. A. Fletcher " " "	10 00
S. A. Fletcher, Town Clerk,	8 00
S. A. Flecher, Town Treasurer,	25 00
S. A. Fletcher, recotding Marriages, Births,	
Deaths,	15 00
M. E. Tyler, School Committee,	35 00
B. T. McGlauffin, School Committee,	30 00
L. H. Wilkins, School Committee,	30 00
Fred E. Campbell, Constable,	35 00
Jesse W. Peabody, Perambulating Town	
lines,	12 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$455 00

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$455 00	
Asa Howe, perambulating Town lines,	12 00	
F. L. Estey, Collector of Taxes,	50 00	
Fred Giles, Election Officer,	3 00	
B. T. McGlaulin, Election Officer,	3 00	
George F. Haskell, Auditor,	5 00	
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		\$528 00

State Aid Account.

Catherine Danforth,	\$24 00	
Sarah M. Mathews,	48 00	
Henry Peabody,	48 00	
Lydia M. Peabody,	48 00	
Benjamin W. Peabody,	72 00	
Josiah B. Peabody,	24 00	
Hugh Cook,	21 00	
Patrick Donovan,	24 00	
Susan A. Stewart,	8 00	
Mary E. Manning,	4 00	
Benjamin W. Peabody, Jr.	9 00	
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		\$330 00

Soldiers' Relief.

Henry Peabody, coal and groceries,	\$29 38	
cott Wilkins, " " "	8 75	
Town of Melrose, house rent for W. F.		
Russell,	156 00	
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		\$194 13

Town Hall Department.

Fred E. Campbell, janitor,	\$92 90	
Fred E. Campbell, supplies,	4 35	
Fred E. Campbell, removing snow,	50	
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$97 75	

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$97 75	
Mrs. John Bott, cleaning Town Hall,	4 10	
Mrs. John Bott, labor on yard,	1 00	
Danvers Water Board,	6 00	
C. P. Perkins & Co. grate for furnace,	2 10	
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies,	10 18	
B. T. McGlauffin, coal,	42 26	
		\$163 39
Cash received for income of hall,		121 25
Balance against the Town,		42 14

Cemetery.

John M. Peabody, labor on cemetery,	\$93 75	
" " Lumber and labor on fence,	37 09	
" " Removing snow,	3 20	
" " Repairing gate,	1 00	
" " Casket straps,	1 00	
" " Supt. of cemetery,	10 00	
" " Plants for cemetery,	3 00	
Danvers Water Board, water for cemetery,	6 00	
		\$155 04
Appropriation,		125 00
Overdrawn,		\$ 30 00

Memorial Day.

Appropriation,	\$40 00
Amount drawn by the committee,	40 00

Hose House.

J. N. Estey building hose house by contract,	\$275 00
Appropriation,	275 00

Fire Department.

A. H. Wilkins, supplies,	\$ 1 66	
B. T. McGlaulin, compensation to firemen,	60 00	
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		\$61 66
Appropriation,		60 00
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Overdrawn,		\$1 66

Forest Fires.

William H. Grothie,	\$46 90	
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		\$108 56

Taking Town Valuation.

Appropriation,		\$200 00
Jesse W. Peabody,	\$50 00	
“ “ “ use of horse,	10 00	
W. T. Martin,	50 00	
Asa Howe,	50 00	
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		160 00
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Unexpended,		\$40 00

Abatement on Taxes.

F. W. Killam,	\$ 88	
Porter A. Gould,	7 30	
Susan A. Stewart,	45	
Jesse W. Peabody, abatement on tax list of 1892,	19 61	
S. A. Fletcher, abatement on tax list of 1889, '90, '91,	52 68	
Austin C. Peabody, abatement of taxes,	137 38	
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		\$218 30

Abatement of Austin C. Peabody's taxes is for damages sustained on highway in 1893.

Miscellaneous.

B. F. Chapman, returning 10 births 1894,	\$ 2 50
F. W. Baldwin, " 7 "	1 75
Dr. Magee, " 3 "	75
State treasurer standard ink,	1 25
Whitman & Cass, property blanks,	9 25
Susan A. Beverly, storage of road machine,	2 00
Newcomb & Gauss, printing town and school reports,	52 50
F. P. Merriam, storing hose carriage,	6 25
Farnham Stiles, sealer of weights and measures,	5 00
W. T. Martin, stationery and journey out of town,	5 90
F. E. Monahan, printing,	1 50
Charles Darling, teaming gravel for Town Hall,	3 30
Edmond Dernier, lumber and labor at Town Hall,	72 00
Danvers water board, packing hydrants,	16 60
H. A. Wilkins, oils and wicks for street lamps,	3 44
H. A. Wilkins, stationery,	94
John M. Peabody, care of street lamps,	12 00
" " " returning 10 deaths,	2 50
A. W. Peabody, inspector of cattle and meat,	25 00
M. E. Taylor, taking school census,	4 00
" " " team for constable,	3 50
S. A. Fletcher, administering oaths,	4 00
" " " cash paid express, tele- phone and postage,	3 28
Asa Howe, journeys out of town, car fare and postage,	7 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<i>\$246 21</i>

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$246 21	
Jesse W. Peabody, tax book, journeys out of town, car fare, express,	12 06	
F. L. Evans, for advice and written opinions,	109 80	
Augustus Shephard, labor and oil,	2 25	
Frank L. Estey, discount on taxes,	241 15	
Salem Daily Gazette for printing by-laws and publishing,	98 00	
F. L. Evans, examination of by-laws and paid clerk of courts,	24 50	
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		\$733 97

Police Department.

Fred E. Campbell, expenses in Goodwin case,	7 16	
Fred E. Campbell, police implements,	9 38	
" " " Expenses in Beneticz case,	12 62	
Fred E. Campbell, telephone, car fare and postage,	1 48	
Oscar Cram, special police officer,	11 00	
M. E. Tyler, team for police,	3 50	
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		\$45 14

JOHNSON CASE.

Paid George E. Bousley,	\$445 14	
F. L. Evans,	289 40	
Charles A. Putnam, plan of East street,	16 00	
Frank A. Witham, witness fees,	3 52	
J. Henry Fletcher, " "	3 52	
S. M. Peabody, " "	9 90	
E. S. Hutchinson, " "	5 54	
W. E. Sanford, " "	3 52	
J. C. Metcalf, " "	3 52	
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$780 06	

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$780 06	
Paid G. Payson Wilkins, witness fees,	3 52	
S. A. Fletcher, " "	3 52	
J. W. Peabody, services,	10 00	
M. E. Tyler, team, services,	1 50	
Asa Howe, team, services,	10 00	
W. T. Martin, team, services,	10 00	
		\$818 60
Appropriation,		500 00
Overdrawn,		\$318 60

Summary of Expenses.

Schools,	\$2,013 73	
Incidental school expenses,	61 90	
School books and supplies,	199 94	
Highway department,	679 06	
Bridges,	88 02	
Removing snow and building two snow plows,	58 08	
Poor department,	1,390 45	
Town officers,	523 00	
State aid,	330 00	
Soldiers' relief,	194 13	
Town hall account,	163 39	
Cemetery,	155 04	
Memorial Day,	40 00	
Fire department,	61 66	
Forest fires,	46 90	
Abatements,	218 30	
Miscellaneous,	733 97	
Police department,	45 14	
Hose House,	275 00	
Johnson case,	818 60	
Taking Town valuation,	160 00	
		\$8,256 31

Flint Book Fund.

NOTES AGAINST THE TOWN OF MIDDLETON.

Amount received of Executors of estate of Hon. C. L. Flint,	\$5,000 00
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INCOME ACCOUNT.

DR.

Balance unexpended, 1895,	\$507 88	
Received for interest of Town,	250 00	
Interest due at Savings Bank,	22 32	
	\$780 20	

CR.

To cash paid DeWolfe, Fisk & Co., books,	\$274 68	
D. Appleton & Co., books,	10 00	
Estes & Lauriat, books,	1 67	
For periodicals,	34 90	
To balance unexpended Feb., '96,	458 95	
	\$780 20	

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, Treasurer.

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, treasurer, in account with Sophronia Fuller Fund.

DR.

To cash received from the estate of Sophronia Fuller for maintenance of cemetery lot,	\$200 00
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INCOME ACCOUNT.

DR.

To interests received of Savings Bank,	\$4 00
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CR.

To cash paid Thomas Carlin for work on S. Fuller lot,	\$4 00
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SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, treasurer, in account with P. B. Russell Fund.

DR.

To cash received of Mrs. P. B. Russell for maintenance of cemetery lot,	\$100 00
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Flint Building Fund.

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, treasurer, in account with Town of Middleton.

DR.

Amount on hand Feb. 1895,	\$170 87	
To cash received for grass,	2 00	
Interest due at Savings Bank,	3 40	
		\$176 27

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, Treasurer.

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, tax collector, in account with the Town of Middleton.

DR.

Balance of tax list of 1889 as per last year's report,	\$24 05	
Interest collected,	3 27	
		\$27 32

CR.

Amount paid treasurer on tax list of 1889,	\$ 5 27	
Amount uncollected,	22 05	
		\$27 32

DR.

Balance of tax list of 1890 as per last year's report,	\$230 32	
Interest collected,	18 14	
		\$248 46

CR.

Amount paid treasurer on tax list of 1890,	\$118 79	
Amount uncollected	<u>129 67</u>	\$248 46

DR.

Balance of tax list of 1891 as per last year's		
report,	236 19	
Amount uncollected,	<u>6 28</u>	\$242 47

CR.

Amount paid treasurer on tax list of 1891,	\$146 60	
Uncollected,	<u>95 87</u>	\$242 47

JESSE W. PEABODY, tax collector, in account with the Town of
Middleton.

DR.

Balance of the tax list of 1892 as per last		
year's report,	\$91 21	
Interest collected,	<u>11 00</u>	\$102 21

CR.

Amount paid treasurer on tax list, 1892,	72 74	
Uncollected on tax list of 1892,	<u>29 47</u>	\$102 21

DR.

Balance of the tax list of 1893 as per last		
year's report,	\$1,128 69	
Interested collected,	<u>70 66</u>	\$1,199 35

CR.

Amount paid treasurer on tax list of 1893,	\$907 36	
Uncollected on tax list of 1893,	<u>291 99</u>	\$1,199 35

DR.

Balance of tax list of 1894 as per last
year's report, \$2,253 58

CR.

Amount paid treasurer on tax list of 1894, \$680 40
Uncollected on tax list of 1894, 1,573 18

\$2,253 58

FRANK L. ESTEY, in account with Town of Middleton as tax
collector,

DR.

To tax list of 1895, \$7,601 84

CR.

By amount paid treasurer on list of
1895, \$5,327 81
Amount uncollected, 2,274 03

\$7,601 84

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, treasurer in account with the Town of
Middleton for the year ending Feb. 1896.

Balance in treasury,	\$360 92
Rec'd from city of Lynn,	59 17
" " clerk of first district court,	4 75
" " North Reading,	14 00
" " city of Lawrence,	29 50
" " Danvers Savings Bank by note,	2500 00
" " Elias Wheelock, cemetery lot,	10 00
" " Laura J. Fuller,	6 00
" " Grace T. Richardson,	7 00
" " George F. Haskell,	20 00
" for gravel sold,	1 00
" from first district court,	15 00
" " M. E. Tyler, for shingles sold,	3 75
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<hr/> \$3,031 09

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$3,031 09
Rec'd from H. E. Howe, old plank sold,	80
“ “ Clerk, first district court,	7 64
“ “ Pope Bros., discount on bill,	2 69
“ “ state treasurer, temporary sup- port paupers,	42 33
Rec'd from state treasurer, burial of state paupers,	15 00
Rec'd from state treasurer, support of state paupers,	37 00
Rec'd from state treasurer, income Mass. school fund,	312 80
Rec'd from state treasurer, corporation tax,	5 45
“ “ “ “ National bank tax,	38 06
Rec'd from state treasurer, state aid,	243 00
“ “ County treasurer, dog tax re- funded,	117 00
Rec'd from Town of Lynnfield, work on forest fires in 1894,	5 00
Rec'd from Fred E. Campbell for old lumber,	1 00
Rec'd from Alvin A. Wilkins, for butcher's license,	1 00
Rec'd from Danvers Savings bank,	1,200 00
“ “ Fred E. Campbell, for use of hall,	121 25
Rec'd from S. A. Fletcher, on tax list of 1889,	5 27
Rec'd from S. A. Fletcher, on tax list of 1890,	118 79
Rec'd from S. A. Fletcher, on tax list of 1891,	146 60
Rec'd from Jesse W. Peabody, on tax list of 1892,	72 74
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<u>\$5,524 51</u>

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$5,524 51	
Rec'd from Jesse W. Peabody, on tax list		
of 1893,	907 36	
Rec'd from Jesse W. Peabody, on tax list		
of 1894,	680 40	
Rec'd from Frank L. Estey, on tax list of		
1895,	5327 81	
		\$12,440 08

CR.

To cash paid C. A. Berry on note,	\$300 00	
" " " for interest on notes,	108 44	
" " " B. F. Emerson fund, inter-		
est,	40 00	
To cash paid, Flint book fund,	250 00	
" " " State treasurer, state tax,	315 00	
" " " County treasurer, county		
tax,	498 63	
To cash paid Danvers Savings bank on		
note,	2500 00	
To cash paid Danvers Savings bank, inter-		
est on note,	50 00	
To cash paid on selectmens' orders,	6867 71	
" " " " overseers' orders,	1390 45	
Balance in treasury,	119 85	
		\$12,440 08

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, *Treasurer.*

Auditor's Report.

The accounts examined by me are found to be correct and properly vouched.

GEORGE F. HASKELL, *Auditor.*

Assessors Valuation of Property.

Real estate,	\$484,472 00	
Personal estate,	70,985 00	
		\$555,457 00
Number of polls, 246.		
Rate of taxation, 12.80 per 1,000.		
Tax on polls,	\$ 492 00	
Tax on real estate,	6,201 24	
Tax on personal,	908 60	
		\$7,601 84
Amount voted for current expenses,	2200 00	
Schools,	1,600 00	
Supplies,	175 00	
Incidentals schools,	75 00	
Highways,	600 00	
Bridges,	100 00	
Cemetery,	125 00	
Memorial day,	40 00	
Library lot,	600 00	
Firemen,	60 00	
Taking the valuation of the Town,	200 00	
Hose carriage house,	275 00	
John Smith,	500 00	
State tax,	315 00	
County tax,	498 63	
Overlay on taxes,	238 21	
		\$7,601 84

Schedule of Town Property.

Library building and land	\$14,000 00
Flint public library,	3,300 00
Town hall,	5,400 00
School houses,	8,000 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$30,700 00

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$30,700 00
Lock up,	500 00
Cemetery,	1,300 00
Hearse and hearse house,	800 00
Fire apparatus and hose house,	1,000 00
Gravel pit,	50 00
B. F. Emerson fund,	10,025 36
C. L. Flint book fund,	5,000 00
Road machine,	200 00
School books in use,	400 00
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	\$49,975 36

Financial Condition of the Town.

LIABILITIES.

Amount of Town notes on interest at 5 per cent.,	6,000 00
Amount of Town notes on interest at 4 per cent.,	2,000 00
Danvers Savings Bank $5\frac{1}{2}$ per cent,	1,200 00
Due the schools,	399 20
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	\$9,599 20

ASSETS.

Balance in treasury as per treasurer's account,	\$119 85
Due from State on account State aid,	330 00
School books on hand,	400 00
Due from city of Lynn,	32 00
Due from city of Gloucester,	312 76
Due from State,	28 50
Due from Town of Topsfield aid account,	23 75
Due from Town of Holden aid account,	10 50
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$1,257 36

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$1,257 36
Amount of uncollected taxes, 1889,	22 05
“ “ “ 1890,	129 67
“ “ “ 1891,	95 87
“ “ “ 1892,	29 47
“ “ “ 1893,	291 99
1894,	1,573 18
1895,	2,305 07
Balance against the Town,	3,894 54

\$9,599 20

Increase of the Town debt, \$352 82.

JESSE W. PEABODY,	}	<i>Selectmen of Middleton.</i>
ANDREW W. PEABODY,		
ASA HOWE,		

MIDDLETON, Feb. 24, 1896.

FLINT PUBLIC LIBRARY.

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

We are glad to report a satisfactory use of the library during the past year, and while the number of books taken from the library is less than in the previous year, it naturally follows our decrease in population.

Quite a number of families have removed from town who were taking books from our library and one of these families averaged the taking of about three hundred books per year.

We are pleased to note that some of our young people are confining their reading to works of history and travel, thus storing their minds with useful information.

We cannot refrain from taking this opportunity to congratulate the people of this community that the advantages of a free library are placed within their reach, by the foresight and kindness of one, who no doubt often longed for just such advantages in his early days, but who improved every opportunity and by diligent application attained a position of honor and usefulness.

We have received from the estate of Rev. Henry J. Richardson one hundred and fifteen volumes including an Official Record of Union and Confederate Armies of the War of the Rebellion contained in ninety volumes besides thirty-two maps which will be valuable for reference.

Some of the new books have been bulletined for some time, and we had confidently expected that the printed supplement would have been in circulation before this time, but we met with an unexpected delay at the printers.

The following periodicals will be received during the year 1896 : Atlantic Monthly, McClure's Magazine, Century, Forum, New England Magazine, Cosmopolitan, Life, Public Opinion, Harper's Weekly, Munsey's Magazine, Review of Reviews, St. Nicholas, Scribner's Magazine, Youth's Companion.

Respectfully submitted.

ANSEL P. TYLER,	} Trustees of Flint Public Library.
SAMUEL A. FLETCHER,	
H. Herbert Wilkins,	
DARIUS W. CASE,	
JAMES FLINT,	
JESSE W. PEABODY,	

MIDDLETON, Feb. 24, 1896.

Librarian's Report.

Books in the Library, Feb., 1895,	4,177
New Books purchased,	270
Received from estate of Rev. H. J. Richardson,	115
Received from Miss A. Purington, Lynn,	1
Received from Rev. W. P. Landers,	1
Received from Mass. Secretary of State	6
Whole number of books in library Feb., 1896,	4,570
Pamphlets received 1895.	
From Salem Public Library,	1
From United States Commissioners, Ed.,	7
New names added to the list of persons taking books from library,	47
Whole number of books taken from Library from Feb. 1, '95, to Feb. 1 '96,	5,225
Number of visitors registered in library from Feb. 1, '95 to Feb. 1, '96,	65

Largest circulation in one month, April,	558
Smallest circulation in one month, Jan. '96,	352
Number of days library has been open during the year,	103

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, Librarian.

MIDDLETON, Feb. 1, 1896.

Samuel A. Fletcher in account with Flint Public Library.

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To services as librarian and janitor,	\$150 00
To cash paid B. T. McGlaulin, coal.	48 00
“ “ “ Danvers water board,	7 00
“ “ “ H. A. Brooks, rebinding books,	13 60
To cash paid F. J. Barnard, rebinding books,	8 26
To cash paid Gilbert & Barker, gasoline,	16 72
“ “ “ J. W. Curry, care of lawn,	16 50
“ “ “ “ “ “ trimming trees,	5 85
“ “ “ M. J. Emerson, wood,	3 00
“ “ “ Ætna Ins. Co., insurance on books,	25 00
To cash paid L. P. Fletcher, preparing supplement,	12 00
To cash paid M. E. Tyler, teaming,	1 05
“ “ “ American Express Co.,	1 65
“ “ “ E. R. R., freight,	75
“ “ “ Philbrick & Perkins, paper,	1 85
“ “ “ Stamp, ink pad and postage,	1 22
“ “ “ Chimneys and kerosene,	32
“ “ “ Ladder,	1 50
“ “ “ Car fare to Boston,	2 08

 \$316 35

DR.

To cash received, for cards and fines,	\$7 12	
“ “ “ Gilbert & Barker, barrels returned,	1 60	
To cash received, B. F. Emerson fund,	307 63	
		<u>\$316 35</u>

B. F. Emerson Fund.

The trustees of the Emerson Fund submit the following as their seventh annual report.

TOTAL AMOUNT OF INVESTMENT :

Atchison income bonds,	\$2,387 11	
Atchinson 4% bonds,	2,948 25	
N. Y. & N. E. R. R., 6% bonds,	2,290 00	
Town of Middleton note,	800 00	
Andover savings bank,	1,000 00	
Danvers savings bank,	600 00	
		<u>\$10,025 36</u>

INCOME ACCOUNT :

DR.

Total balance on hand Feb. 1895,	\$211 40	
Interest on N. Y. & N. E. R. R.,	120 00	
“ “ Town note,	40 00	
“ at Andover bank,	42 88	
“ “ Danvers bank,	28 00	
Special interest,	13 12	
		<u>\$455 40</u>

CR.

To cash paid to S. A. Fletcher on library account,	307 63	
To cash paid for safe deposit vault,	10 00	
“ “ “ A. Shepard care of Emerson cemetery lot,	1 20	
Balance on income,	136 57	
		455 40

A. P. TYLER,	} Trustees.
S. A. FLETCHER,	
M. J. EMERSON,	
M. E. TYLER,	
F. P. MERRIAM.	

List of Jurors.

The following list of persons qualified for Jurors prepared and posted by the Selectmen, will be submitted to the town at the annual town meeting, for revision and acceptance.

Leverett H. Wilkins,	Joseph W. Russell,
Gustavus H. Tufts,	Fred W. Giles,
Samuel A. Fletcher,	Loren G. Esty,
Henry E. Howe,	Charles E. Mason,
Allen D. Bryer,	Daniel Weston,
John M. Peabody,	George B. Flint,
Frank L. Esty,	Sylvanus Flint,
Charles A. Fletcher,	Francis E. Batchelder.

TOWN MEETING WARRANT.

TO FRED E. CAMPBELL, CONSTABLE FOR THE TOWN OF MIDDLETON IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX :

GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Middleton qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said town on Monday, the ninth day of March next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles :

ART. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.

ART. 3. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 4. To see if the Town will revoke the acceptance of Sections 74, 75, 76, 77, of Chapter 27 of the Public Statutes, on the petition of Benjamin T. McGlaulin and twelve others.

ART. 5. To vote on the question, Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town ; the vote will be by separate ballot and the ballot shall be Yes or No in answer to said question.

ART. 6. To see if the town will increase the Board of School Committee by electing two or more persons, on petition of Frank L. Estey and twenty-three others.

ART. 7. To see what action the town will take to have the School committee appoint a superintendent, on petition of Frank L. Estey and twenty-three others.

ART. 8. To see if the town will provide suitable curtains and footlights for the stage at the upper Town hall, on petition of D. J. Nash and twenty-three others, and make appropriation for the same.

ART. 9. To see if the town will have cut on the town lots what wood that will be necessary to support the fires in the school houses and public buildings in said town the ensuing year, and have the same hauled to the lockup to be sawed and split by persons applying for a night's lodging; on petition of John W. Demsey and twenty-three others.

ART. 10. To see if the firemen shall be re-imbursed for labor done in the Town of Peabody, putting out forest fires in 1894.

ART. 11. To see if the town will extend the water pipes in the cemetery and make appropriation for the same.

ART. 12. To see what action the town will take in regard to having the hearse painted and varnished.

ART. 13. To see if the town will put a new floor and new single seats in the intermediate room in the Centre School house and make appropriation for the same.

ART. 14. To see if the town will vote to paint the school houses the ensuing year and make appropriation for same.

ART. 15. To see how much money the town will raise to pay the tuition of the High school pupils.

ART. 16. To see how much money the town will raise to defray town charges the ensuing year and determine how the same shall be appropriated.

ART. 17. To see what action the town will take in relation to discount on interest on Taxes.

ART. 18. To act on the list of Jurors prepared and posted by the selectmen.

ART. 19. To see what action the town will take in regard to letting the Town Hall.

ART. 20. To see what action the town will take in regard to the enforcement of law in regard to the sale of intoxicating liquors.

ART. 21. To see what action the town will take concerning the Cemetery.

ART. 22. To see what action the town will take for the prevention of fires and in respect to compensation of firemen.

ART. 23. To see what measures the town will adopt for the removal of snow from the sidewalks.

ART. 24. To see how much money the town will raise for the proper observance of Memorial day.

ART. 25. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer under the direction of the Selectmen to hire such sums of money as may be necessary to meet current expenses in anticipation of Taxes of the present year and payable therefrom.

ART. 26. To see if the town will authorize the Collector to use all means of collecting the Taxes which a Town Treasurer when appointed may use.

ART. 27. To see what action the town will take with regard to assisting any firm that might be induced to occupy the association shoe factory, on petition of B. T. McGlaulin and seven others.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the Town Hall and one at the Centre post office and one at the post office in South Middleton, in said town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of said meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 25th day of February A. D. 1896.

JESSE W. PEABODY,	} <i>Selectmen</i>	
ANDREW W. PEABODY,		of
ASA HOWE,		<i>Middleton.</i>